

## **Call For Papers: The World Congress for Korean Politics and Society 2009**

Dear colleagues,

The World Congress for Korean Politics and Society 2009 by the Korean Political Science Association will be held in Seoul, South Korea, from August 20 to 22. The main theme for the Congress is "Korea at the Crossroads." Contributions are invited for the congress that aims at vigorous discussion of the latest developments in and around Korea covering, but not limited to, a variety of themes of study such as: (1) Prospects of Korean political economy in lieu of the global financial crisis in 2008; (2) Issues related to North Korea, such as nuclear crisis and refugee problems; (3) New leadership models for Korea in the 21<sup>st</sup> century; (4) Big government vs. small government in the wake of post-Washington-Consensus era; (5) The effect of the Obama government and the prospect of East Asian security; (6) Political process and civic participation in Korea; (7) Multiculturalism in Korea; (8) Korea as an aging society; (9) Social cleavage and integration – perspectives from political sociology and psychology.

Contributions from across the social sciences and humanities, both discipline-specific and interdisciplinary, will be welcomed.

The Korean Political Science Association (KPSA), the host of the congress, is the most prestigious academic organization in Korea that represents Korean scholars of political science, public administration, and other related disciplines in social science and humanities. Founded in 1953, it has grown into the largest academic organization in Korea with active membership of over 2,300 individual scholars and institutions. The KPSA seeks to encourage academic activities and intellectual dialogue among scholars and to promote academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Korean and foreign scholars.

Expected to be a huge festive gathering for Korean specialists from all over the world, the Congress will provide all participants with an invaluable opportunity to share their views on Korean affairs and to exchange intellectual stimuli with colleague scholars.

This time, the Congress will be held in Seoul, the capital city of South Korea. Being

the center of administrative, economic, and educational activities in Korea, as is well known, Seoul is also rich in culture. Seoul boasts harmonious co-existence of well-preserved architectural gems descending from ancient and medieval dynasties and truly post-modern buildings and art works in the same space. Filled with both modern facilities and traditional attractions, Seoul will be an ideal place for visitors from abroad to experience Korea.

We welcome submission of papers, full-panel and roundtable proposals for any of the areas mentioned above and other related fields. We also strongly encourage graduate students' participation in the Congress. Please join us at this wonderful event that brings together experts on Korea from different disciplines.

Sincerely,

Nam-young Lee  
The President of the Korean Political Science Association

► **Venue: Korea University, Seoul, Korea**

► **Dates: August 20-22, 2009**

► **Deadline for the submission of a paper and panel proposal:**

- **April 15, 2009.**
- Papers for presentation can be written either in English or in Korean. Please indicate whether you wish to participate in an English panel or a Korean panel.
- Due for papers is July 15.

► **Registration fee:**

- KPSA members: Free
- Non-members
  - Early registration before May 1; US \$100
  - After May 1, 2009: US \$150
  - Registration on site: US \$200
  - \* Graduate Student discount: 50%

► **Accommodation:**

- The KPSA will **guarantee accommodation for those who register before June 1.**

The KPSA will also arrange rooms for extra-stay, but the cost for extra-nights should be borne by participants.

- The KPSA will cover **up to three nights** of accommodation (from August 19 to 22) and **three meals each day** at the designated restaurant for paper-givers from abroad.
- Participants should pay for **additional stays and meals.**
- We will try to accommodate late applicants as well, but room assignment may not be guaranteed.

► **Transportation including air & incidentals:** to be borne by participants.

► **Travel Grants:** The KPSA has allocated a small travel fund to assist foreign scholars from developing countries who wish to participate. This travel fund is for airfare and registration, and available upon request on the competitive basis.

► For further information concerning the conference and the application process for participation, please visit our website (<http://www.kpsa.or.kr/congress2009/>), or contact the Program Director, Dr. Sang Sin Lee, at [kpsa2009@gmail.com](mailto:kpsa2009@gmail.com).